

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-241-C - ORDER NO. 98-574

JULY 24, 1998

IN RE: Petition of HTC Communications, Inc. for
Arbitration an Interconnection Agreement
with GTE South, Inc.

) ORDER GRANTING ✓
) REQUEST TO
) WITHDRAW PETITION
) FOR ARBITRATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of HTC Communications, Inc. to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with GTE South, Inc.

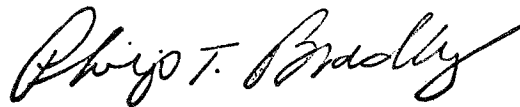
On May 12, 1998, HTC Communication, Inc. filed with the Commission a Petition for Arbitration whereby HTC Communications, Inc. requested the Commission to arbitrate and decide open issues with respect to the negotiation of an interconnection agreement between HTC Communications, Inc. and GTE South, Inc. By letter dated July 29, 1998, HTC Communications, Inc. informed the Commission that it desired to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration. HTC Communications, Inc. also informed the Commission that HTC Communications, Inc. and GTE South, Inc. have resolved their differences and will file a written agreement at the appropriate time.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission concludes that the request of HTC Communications, Inc. whereby it requests to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of HTC Communications, Inc. to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration requesting arbitration of an interconnection agreement between HTC Communications, Inc. and GTE South, Inc. is granted.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

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